



WEATHER & CROPS



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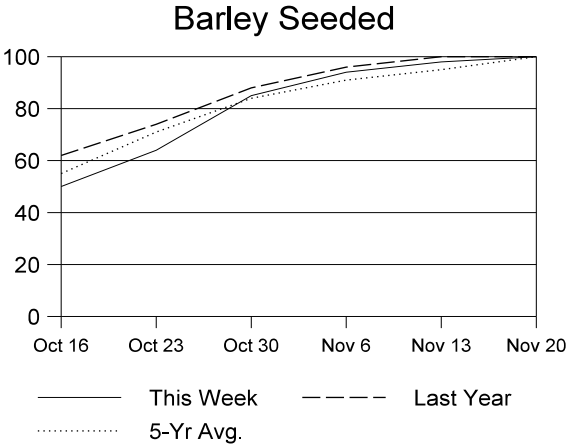
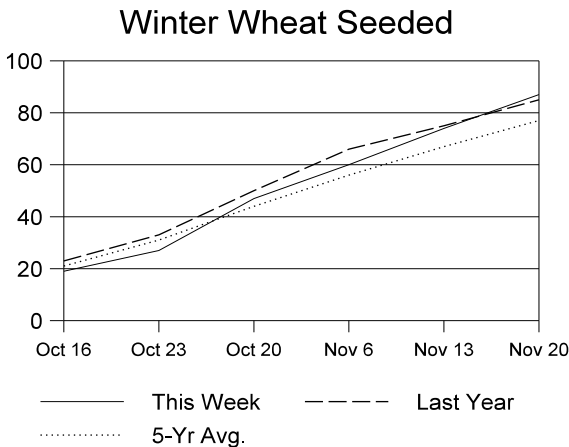
CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 20, 2005

Cool temperatures and light precipitation were the norm in Virginia this week. The Commonwealth experienced its coolest week of the season. The average low temperature was 21 degrees and the average total amount of rainfall was .45 inches. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.0. Livestock are continuing to graze in pastures throughout the state. Soybean harvesting is continuing to progress and winter wheat seeding is nearing completion with 87% seeded. Some producers reported that the lack of rainfall is causing many of the small grains to emerge slowly. Other farming activities included taking soil samples, applying fall fertilizer, cleaning-up land, doing farm repairs, and scouting for diseases.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
October 16, 2005	15	21	54	10
October 23, 2005	22	20	44	14
October 30, 2005	16	21	54	9
November 6, 2005	9	27	63	1
November 13, 2005	13	33	53	1
November 20, 2005	10	28	61	1

CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	13	28	39	19	1
Livestock	1	5	26	60	8
Hay, (other)	18	27	42	12	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	10	23	42	24	1
Winter Wheat	1	4	45	45	5
Barley	1	3	34	54	8

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Beef Cattle Forage, % Obtained from	53	54	88	NA
Milk Cow Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	14	28	23	NA
Sheep Forage, % Obtained from Pastures	54	62	88	NA
Soybeans Harvested	85	71	73	74
Winter Wheat Seeded	87	74	85	77
Winter Wheat Emerged	28	NA	62	12
Cotton Harvested	88	76	79	79



Weather Summary for the Week Ending November 20, 2005							
Weather Station	Temperature (degrees Fahrenheit)				Precipitation (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
NORTHERN							
Woodstock	74	19	45	-2	0.10	-0.53	1
The Plains	70	21	46	-1	1.07	0.27	3
Winchester 7 SE	70	17	44	1	0.20	-0.50	1
Dale Enterprise	69	16	44	-1	0.29	-0.34	2
WESTERN							
Glasgow	76	22	49	3	0.45	-0.25	3
Roanoke AP	72	24	52	6	0.31	-0.42	3
Waynesboro	70	20	46	2	0.39	-0.31	1
Staunton AG	68	18	46	3	0.41	-0.29	2
CENTRAL							
Somerset	72	21	47	0	0.58	-0.26	3
Piedmont Res ST	73	21	48	2	0.42	-0.42	1
Bremo Bluff	78	20	51	4	0.57	-0.20	1
Richmond AP	79	24	54	5	0.32	-0.42	1
EASTERN							
Eastville	77	29	53	2	0.25	-0.45	1
Wallops Island	74	25	52	0	0.24	-0.46	2
Williamsburg	78	26	55	5	0.49	-0.35	1
Keyville	80	22	51	4	0.05	-0.69	1
SOUTHWESTERN							
Blacksburg AG	70	18	45	3	0.73	0.07	2
Wytheville	70	15	44	3	0.89	0.26	3
Saltville	75	16	46	3	0.47	-0.23	2
Richlands	72	15	44	5	1.10	0.33	4
SOUTHERN							
Stuart	73	21	49	2	0.58	-0.26	3
Danville AG	77	23	49	1	0.28	-0.43	1
Chatham	76	18	46	0	0.48	-0.29	1
Martinsville	75	18	48	2	0.30	-0.44	1
SOUTHEASTERN							
Norfolk VA	78	29	55	4	0.41	-0.27	1
Oceana	78	30	56	3	0.42	-0.31	1
Emporia	79	25	52	5	0.45	-0.38	2
Newport News	80	25	55	4	0.21	-0.47	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.